

ON RADIO FREQUENCY TRANSPONDERS.

ABSTRACT

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The present invention assures the integrity of state information retained by a Radio Frequency Transponder during a loss of power. During the regular operation of the Transponder power is provided to a voltage-storing device powering an 10 information retention mechanism of the Transponder. After the loss and reestablishing of power to the Transponder but before the Transponder is restarted, the voltage-storing device is checked to determine whether sufficient power is present in the information retention mechanism to retain information without 15 corruption. If sufficient power is present, a signal to indicate that fact is communicated to the Transponder and the stored information is restored. The Transponder is then restarted.